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Addendum

I. LIST OF CANDIDATES

The name of the following additional candidate has been submitted for one of the seats that have become vacant in consequence of the election on 10 November 1993 of Mr. Abdul Koroma and Mr. Jiuyong Shi as judges of the International Court of Justice:

Mr. Frank X. J. C. NJENGA (Kenya).

II. CURRICULUM VITAE OF THE CANDIDATE

Frank X. J. C. Njenga (Kenya)

I am a Kenyan citizen born on 6 January 1940 at Nairobi. I am married with five children.

Educational background

I pursued my primary and secondary education in Kenya. Subsequently I attended Makerere University for the Preparatory University Studies Intermediate Certificate from 1959-1961. I then studied law at University College, Dar-es-Salaam from 1961 to 1963, where I obtained an LLB (Hons) (London). In 1964 and 1965, I attended Columbia University, Graduate Studies and obtained an LLM (Columbia). Later on, I took a year's post-graduate course at New York University, New York, in 1967-1968 and obtained an LLM (New York University). I attended the 1965 Hague Academy Course in the Netherlands and obtained a diploma of the Academy.

Professional positions

In 1963-1964, I served in the High Court of Kenya as Deputy Registrar, where I was involved in day-to-day administrative court work under the supervision of the Registrar of the High Court of Kenya. From 1965 to 1967, I was a Law Lecturer, University of Dar-es-Salaam where I taught various legal subjects, including law of torts, evidence, property law, African customary law and international law. I also supervised student research on African customary law in Kenya and Uganda. In 1968 and 1969, I was a law lecturer of the University of Nairobi. I taught a number of subjects, including the law of torts, property law and international law.

From 1969 to 1980, I was a senior official of the Government of Kenya, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as the Legal Adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. I was involved in all legal issues, including negotiations at bilateral and multilateral levels, drafting legal instruments, dealing with legal issues relating to diplomatic privileges and immunities and representing the Kenyan Government in international conferences, seminars and meetings. For four years, I was posted to the Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations where I dealt with legal issues relating to the United Nations General Assembly, Security Council and the specialized agencies. I was the representative of Kenya to the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly from 1969 to 1975. In 1975, I was elected Chairman of the Sixth Committee at the thirtieth session of the General Assembly.

I was the chief representative of Kenya on numerous international bodies, including the Committee on Friendly Relations from 1969 to 1970, the Committee on Peaceful Uses of the Seabed and Ocean Floor from 1969 to 1972 and the Law of the Sea Conference from 1973 to 1980, where I served as the Chairman of Negotiating Group I of the Law of the Sea Conference. I was also the head of the delegation of Kenya to the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee sessions at Karachi, 1969; Colombo, 1970; Lagos, 1971; and Seoul, 1979. I was also the representative of Kenya to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law from 1970 to 1975. I was elected as a member of the International Law Commission, a position I held from 1976 to 1991, when I did not seek re-election. I am an Advocate of the Kenya Bar and Member of Kenya Law Society since 1979.

Professional experience in international organizations

From 1980 to 1987, I served as Director of the Political Department of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) under the overall supervision of the Assistant Secretary-General (Political). I was responsible for the management and policy formulation of the Political Department of OAU. Apart from advising the political organs of OAU, it was my duty to initiate and supervise the preparatory work of the Council of Ministers and Assembly of Heads of State and Government on political issues and, in this connection, I attended all the meetings of these main organs of OAU. I was also responsible for the preparation of the work of the various political committees of OAU including the Defence Commission, the Committee on Western Sahara, the Committee on Chad, the Committee on the Somalia/Ethiopia Dispute, etc.

In 1980, I was seconded to the office of President Siana Stevens of Sierra Leone, the then Chairman of OAU, as his Special Adviser. I was also involved in several fact-finding missions including as leader of the OAU observer delegation to the pre-independence election in Zimbabwe in 1980; as member of the OAU delegation to Angola concerning South Africa's invasion in 1981; as member of the OAU delegation to Spain and the Canary Islands on the issue of independence of the Canaries in 1982; as member of the OAU delegation to pre-independence talks between South Africa and the South West Africa People's Organization in Geneva in 1981 and as member of the OAU delegation on the Burkina Faso/Mali dispute in 1985. In 1985, I accompanied President Diouf, the then Chairman of OAU, on an extensive tour of southern African States to discuss the strategy on the liberation of South Africa. I have therefore a very broad knowledge of African issues. As the Director of the Political Department, I was responsible for the supervision of the work for refugees and coordinated at the level of both policy and implementation, the OAU programmes on refugees during that period. I also coordinated the work of the OAU Commission of 15 on Refugees as well as the Coordination Committee on Refugees, leading the OAU delegation under the Assistant Secretary-General in all the meetings of the two bodies.

In 1987, I was posted to Geneva as the OAU Assistant Executive Secretary, where I was responsible for political and information affairs of the Geneva Office and liaison with the United Nations Office in Geneva, the Centre for Human Rights of the United Nations Secretariat and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in the implementation of the resolutions of the OAU Council of Ministers and the decisions of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government. During that period, I followed closely the work of the High Commissioner for Refugees and participated in the meetings of its Executive Committee.

In 1988, I was elected Secretary-General of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee and re-elected unanimously in 1991. In that capacity I have been responsible for steering the affairs and for establishing the programme of work and general policy for the Committee, including its extensive programme on refugee law. I have in that capacity been responsible for liaising between the Committee and other international organizations, including UNHCR, with which the Committee has extensive collaboration and have organized several joint meetings on refugees, including the 1991 Workshop on International Refugee and Humanitarian Law, held in New Delhi from 24 to 26 October 1991.

I have published a number of articles, particularly on the law of the sea.